

Minutes--February 20, 1997  
Public Service Commission Conference Room

The Education Standards and Practices Board meeting was called to order by vice chair, Dr. Doug Johnson. Board members present were Maryjane Martens, Linda Davis, Don Haugen, Randy Gordon, Bev Sandness, Dr. Mary Harris, board intern Deb Jensen, executive director, Marilyn Ridenhower and ex-officio board member Dr. Gary Gronberg

Board members absent were Sue Andrews and Mike Schatz.

Visitors present were Helen Busche and Faye Reimers from NDEA and Doug Bahr from the Attorney General's office.

Dr. Johnson read the minutes from the December 12 meeting. A motion was made by Don Haugen and seconded by Linda Davis to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Marilyn discussed the financial report. We have taken in \$308,000 which is over our \$300,000 projection, also keep in mind that our peak time is this summer. Marilyn discussed the high data processing (ISD) charges. The system is a two-side system with ESPB being charged for certification (3600) and elementary/secondary (2800). Marilyn has asked for data processing job estimates and before any work is done Marilyn will need to approve the request. Marilyn and Doug Bahr have made several attempts to obtain a data processing breakdown from ISD and DPI. The next step is ask to OMB or the Governor's office. Also, many attempts have made from DPI for a breakdown for telephone charges.

Marilyn reported on the administrative law judge findings from the Roger Boehm hearing. Since Mr Boehm has brought up his GPA, the board felt that there was no legal point in denying Mr. Boehm a teaching certificate (Mr Boehm has reapplied for a certificate). Don Haugen made a motion that the board grant Mr Boehm a teaching certificate. Linda Davis seconded. Motion carried.

Marilyn played back a voice message from Nancy Jordheim on Professional Development Guidelines Effective Practices that Nancy had read in a national publication. This was the opening of Deb's intern report. Deb has received numerous requests regarding the handout. Dr. Mary Harris and Deb will be going to Phoenix for the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (NCATE) conference, February 25-28.

Deb spoke on the program approval training session. She is trying to contact the teacher centers to see how things are going, action plans and to identify where things are being implemented. This information will be submitted in the superintendent's report as well as our ESPB newsletter. Maryjane suggested that a different vehicle be used to distribute this information. Her suggestion was that various board members and staff members attend the school board's association meetings, etc. This method might also improve certification questions or potential certification changes or review procedures.

**CASES:**

Bloms Vs Mullen

The board reviewed documentation from the social worker's findings and that enough evidence was available to revoke the teaching license of Elizabeth Mullen. Motion made by Dr. Harris and seconded by Linda Davis. Motion carried. A motion was also made to contact the school (supt, school board, etc), why the abuse was not reported to ESPB and also request to see the school's policy regarding enforcement of medications. Motion made by Dr. Harris and seconded by Don Haugen. Motion carried.

Grueneich Vs. Boechler

Administrative board members involved: Dr. Doug Johnson, Dr. Mary Harris, Bev Sandness, Don Haugen and Maryjane Martens. Questions asked were. Why is the administrative board hearing this case? Is there a sexual harassment policy in place? Are we hearing case on behalf of Nancy Grueneich? Are we hearing case on behalf of Sonja Walder? Because Mr. Boechler has moved to another school district, whose problem is it? The administrative board decided to gather information for a hearing. Motion made by Don Haugen and second by Bev Sandness. Motion carried. This case is to be placed on the agenda for the March meeting.

Marilyn reviewed the legislative bills that she has been following. If HB 1216 (fingerprinting) passes, Marilyn will be working with John Byers from Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) on writing a grant to help lower the fingerprinting cost and scanner. Dr. Harris will find out at the deans meeting the support of fingerprinting the new graduates. HB 1216 would require fingerprinting from the out-of-state applicants and new applicants. For the next legislative session, ESPB should implement wording changes from certification to licensure.

The board moved that BCI listing that Marilyn has been checking against the teacher data base, the board precede to revoke teaching certificates. Motion made by Doug and seconded by Mary. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

  
Chair

  
Executive Director